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PlanBelize 2.0 Delivering for People

PlanBelize 2.0 is delivering for the people of Belize. Whatever the claims and allegations are riddled with 7-type sensationalism, the planBelize government is transparent to all and accountable to the people. Naysayers are hypocritical when they assert that the government is secretive yet there is access to information. Actions are being taken to ensure that the critical transparency and accountability is steadfast as to the Prime Minister’s word on Victory night. We serve the people. Nevertheless, the fact is that Belizean people are working in record numbers. Moreover 98 percent of those that want jobs are gainfully employed. This fact is ignored by the UDP and its falsehood-driven media. An great economy relegates the UDP to 3030 as alleged by its smartest of UDP minds.

Three Hundred Million dollar BPO industry, record tourism numbers, regional leading GDP growth, very diverse Agricultural sector and unprecedented levels of construction have multiplied the need for more workers with diverse skills. The role of the education sector is always to contribute to the workforce as much as to improve the chances of our people to a better quality of living.

The Ministry of Education Culture, Science and Technology is structured under the BESplan 2.0 as they prepare Belize future with instructional guidance and learning and skill development. In Belize, the physical spaces where Education occurs are under construction, refurbishment, groundbreaking and inaugurations all over.

Graduations and commencement in life depends on strong family and educational institutions to be in constant upgrade of the teachers and infrastructure. Take a look at the most recent of development is the infrastructure of educational institutions.

BNTF 11 Launched in Belize

July 2, 2026 - Belize has officially launched the Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF) 11 Programme, ushering in a new cycle of community-focused investments aimed at improving the lives of vulnerable Belizeans through education, water and sanitation, livelihoods, and infrastructure development.

The launch ceremony was held at the Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza under the theme: “Catalysing Change: Scaling Impact Through Community-Driven Development.” Government officials, representatives of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), community leaders, development partners, and stakeholders gathered to mark the beginning of the programme’s latest phase.

Established in 1991, the Basic Needs Trust Fund is the Caribbean Development Bank’s flagship cyclical poverty reduction initiative and has earned international recognition for its community-driven development model tailored to the Caribbean. The programme is financed through grants from the Special Development Fund (Unified), with counterpart contributions from participating governments. Alongside Belize, participating countries include Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Suriname.

The programme targets needs identified by vulnerable communities, focusing on expanding access to safe drinking water and sanitation systems, strengthening educational facilities and training opportunities, supporting entrepreneurial initiatives and financial literacy, and improving community access roads and drainage infrastructure.

Dr. Issac Solomon, Vice President (Operations) at the Caribbean Development Bank, reflected on the programme’s regional success and its long-standing im-



pact in Belize.

“BNTF’s reputation has been built not only on projects completed but on lives improved, opportunities expanded and communities empowered to shape their own development value,” he said.

Dr. Solomon highlighted the programme’s achievements over the past quarter century, noting that 79 sub-projects have been completed in Belize at an estimated cost of US\$3.9 million. These included 47 initiatives focused on education, human resource development, and livelihood enhancement, as well as 32 projects improving water and sanitation systems and three dedicated to community access and drainage.

“These investments have strengthened the prospects of students, teachers, artisans, parents, youth, women, and communities across Belize,” he said.

Looking ahead, Dr. Solomon described BNTF 11 as an opportunity to build on that success through a new investment exceeding US\$.2 million.

“With strong local partnership, disciplined implementation, and meaningful community participation, this investment represents far more than approved financing. It represents a renewed commitment to better services, stronger communities, and expanded opportunities for people who are ready to learn, work, grow, and thrive under BNTF 11,” he stated.

Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation, Hon. Dr. Osmond Martinez, emphasized, “Today is about much more than launching the 11th cycle of the BNTF programme in Belize. It is about reaffirming our commitment to ensure that every Belizean, regardless of where they live or the circumstances in which they were born, has access to opportunities that improve their quality of life and allow them to realize their fullest potential,” he said.

Martinez described the Basic Needs Trust Fund as one of Belize’s most beneficial grant programmes, adding that the BZ\$88 million allocation demonstrates regional solidarity and a shared commitment to prosperity.

The programme’s impact was reflected in testimonials from beneficiaries. Keily Chi of Santa Cruz Government Primary School said improvements funded through BNTF created a more comfortable learning environment while giving students a renewed sense of pride in their school. Allesha Welch of Gales Point Government Primary School said the upgrades had made the campus cleaner, safer, and more welcoming, showing the community’s commitment to its children. Chair of the Belize Social Investment Fund and Chief Executive Officer in the Office of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Narda Garcia, said the launch represents a renewed commitment to improving lives and building stronger, more resilient communities.

“Through BNTF 11 we have an opportunity to build on that legacy by ensuring that our investments respond directly to the needs of our people, particularly the most vulnerable among us,” CEO Garcia



said, adding that climate resilience must also remain a priority.

Among those attending the launch were Ministers Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez and Hon. Oscar Reque na, Chief Executive Officers Carlos Pol, Mrs. Adele Catzim-Sanchez, and Valentino Shal, BSIF Executive Director Carlos Tun, senior members of the Caribbean Development Bank delegation, community representatives, private sector partners, and other guests.

Trial Farm Government School MoECST-CDB

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MoECST), in partnership with the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), officially handed over a refurbished classroom block to Trial Farm Government School in the Orange Walk District.

The rehabilitation works included the complete replacement and repair of the building’s roof, addressing longstanding leaks and structural challenges, as well as upgrades to the electrical system, including the installation of ceiling fans to enhance safety and improve comfort for students and teachers.

Hon. Ramon Cervantes, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology, was joined by Dr. Isaac Solomon, Vice President of Operations at the Caribbean Development Bank; Mr. Elbert Ellis and other officials of the CDB; Ms. Yolanda Gongora, Chief Education Officer; Mrs. Ingrid Acosta, Senior Project Coordinator; and members of the Project Execution Unit for the official handover ceremony.

The keys to the refurbished facility were formally presented to Ms. Vincenta Ramclan, Principal of Trial Farm Government School.

This initiative underscores the continued partnership between the Government of Belize and the Caribbean Development Bank in advancing safe, modern, and conducive learning environments for Belizean students. (post)



Black Water Area, OW North MoECST-CDB

Ground was officially broken today for the construction of a new pre-primary and primary school in the Black Water area of Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District.

The ceremony brought together officials from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MoECST) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), including Hon. Ramon Cervantes, Minister of State; Dr Isaac Solomon, Vice President of Operations, CDB; Ms. Yolanda Gongora, Chief Education Officer; Mrs. Ingrid Acosta, Senior Project Coordinator; Mr. Elbert Ellis and other CDB officials, as well as the Project Execution Unit.

The new school will help to create a stronger foundation for learning and open greater opportunities for children in the Black Water area and surrounding communities. (post)



Indian Church, OW South MoECST-CDB

Ground was officially broken for a new school building at Indian Church in the Orange Walk District. The collaboration between the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) underscores a shared commitment to elevating national educational standards by replacing aging infrastructure with a safe, modern, and resilient facility designed to foster academic excellence.

On hand was the Area Representative Hon. Jose Mai to participate in the groundbreaking for this momentous occasion for the area.

Santa Cruz Gov’t Pre-primary School MoECST-CDB-BSIF

May 5 - The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology is pleased to celebrate the inauguration of the new Santa Cruz Government Pre-primary School in Santa Cruz Village, Orange Walk District.

This important investment will provide a safe, nurturing, and modern learning environment for our youngest learners, helping to lay a strong foundation for their educational journey.

The Ministry extends sincere appreciation to the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) for their invaluable partnership and support in making this project a reality.

This SIF III project is financed under a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

Preschool-aged children from Santa Cruz and neighboring communities can now access a safe, nurturing, and purpose-built learning environment designed to support their early development.

On May 5, BSIF, in collaboration with key stakeholders and the Ministry of Education, officially handed over the facility—marking an important step toward



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EDITORIAL

Small Business into Big Possibilities

The Government of Belize, via the Office of the Prime Minister’s BELTRAIDE, is literally on the road with the Third National MSME Roadshow (NMR). Engines started in San Ignacio-Santa Elena, then moved to Benque, Orange Walk, Corozal, Punta Gorda, Dangriga, Belize City, San Pedro, Caye Caulker, and Belmopan, with the schedule slated for the end of August. Since the first Roadshow in 2022, more than 2,000 entrepreneurs have taken a ride on this MSME train specifically crafted to accelerate their business. MSMEs take this seriously, with some participants literally following the show to multiple towns, benefiting from networking and tips that could give them a profit-making edge. Attendees at the roadshow exercise participation with heart and entrepreneurship with high levels of ambition and determination to learn and expand. Belize’s MSME businesses deserve this access to the tools, resources, and support needed to build and grow successfully; this is the core goal of the MSME roadshow as envisioned by the OPM.

In 206 new Belizean entrepreneurs relentlessly seek opportunities and, daily, contend with the modern digitalised mixed economy of private endeavours working in tandem with a well-balanced set of government regulations and policies. The planBelize-driven ecosystem provides a business strategy for both the country’s development and entrepreneurs’ growth. As business succeeds, so does Belize, and vice versa, in an ultra-productive business cycle. Since the life-altering 200 the Government team has innovatively and effectively established itself as a valuable part in the Public-Private-Partnership context. The NMR has been highly effective in identifying potential solutions and practical approaches to hinge challenges.

Many entrepreneurs seek a roadshow to help them overcome difficulties in accessing financing. Digital transformation and increasing competition make capital injection necessary in their quest to grow. The roadshow strategically facilitates collaboration among government, financial institutions, the private sector, development partners, and the attending entrepreneurs. The NMR is therefore a springboard for engagement, collaboration, learning, and action. The best policies are not developed in the back rooms but by entrepreneurs themselves. As a partner, the Government has its eyes and ears at the roadshow for the good of the Belizean people.

Belize’s entrepreneurs, in large part women, employ 70 per cent of the workforce directly or indirectly. The entrepreneurs are the juice sellers, the icemen, online retailers, the farmers, the fishermen, the cleaners, the pastry shops, the private clinics, the seamstresses, the restaurants, the barbers, the hairdressers, the law firms, the news outlets, the Orange Economy artists, and we can go on. Belize is limited only by our population and the levels of formal and informal education. Today, Belize’s economy cannot wait for a graduate to remove their Academic dress to get nabbed into a job. But even as employers actively recruit and woo soon-to-be grads, they know that young Belizeans are looking to “get rich,” and a job is a welcome stepping stone.

Oftentimes, people view government as an obstacle. The NMR seeks to elucidate the regulations as aid and not a hindrance. The government has supported a SICA Region program funded by the US State Department, the MIPYME en Línea Programme. This supports MSMEs in adopting digital technologies and strengthening their participation in the digital economy, and provides businesses with over US\$100 million in support of e-commerce investments. Also, planBelize legislation aims to improve the business landscape: MSME Tax Amnesty, Income and Business Tax (Amendment) Act 2024, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Act 2025 Business Names (Registration) Act 2024, Fiscal Incentives Act 2023, and Movable Property Security Rights Act 2024 with the Secured Transactions and Collateral Registry. Probably the most significant was the MSME Tax Amnesty Program, designed to help businesses formalise their operations, regularise their status, and gain a fresh start. More than 900 applications were received, and over 80 MSMEs were approved to receive twelve months of business tax relief. Nationwide one-stop clinics brought government services directly to the people, making it easier than ever for entrepreneurs to register their businesses and engage with the institutions that exist to support them. The tax relief was only a pathway to formalisation, to expanded market access, and increasing access to grants and other opportunities that empower entrepreneurs to build more resilient businesses.

Through BELTRAIDE, the Government continues to invest in the growth and competitiveness of Belizean businesses. In 2025 alone, BELTRAIDE supported over 1,400 MSMEs, facilitated over \$35 million in investments, provided over \$678,000 in grants, supported the creation and retention of thousands of jobs, and helped Belizean businesses access new international markets, generating over \$4 million in export sales. That help continues, and the Roadshow is one way. The Belize Enterprise Empowerment Project (BEEP) is a BELTRAIDE initiative, backed by the CARICOM Development Fund, that also supports MSMEs.

Aid for entrepreneurs, as seen, is enshrined in law enacted by the PUP government. Legislation can do all except provide business ideas for business opportunities, which remain within the domain of Belizeans and their entrepreneurial spirit. The MRS provides updated tools and opportunities for women and men to provide quality products and services. Belizeans show support by purchasing and engaging with Belizean entrepreneurs. Businesses will thus foster families and improve the quality of life. The masses will have even greater purchasing power with fuller shopping carts, fuller crowds at events, more people travelling, and even brighter lights at Christmas. Belize is doing well; jobs are plentiful and improving every day; the government and people are tackling the cost of living; and nation-building never stops.

As a leader, John Briceño walks among the people and listens. Ideas merge and develop in his mind and on the planBelize team’s table. Thereafter, it becomes policy and law. This process is the foundation of planBelize and the strength of Belize, where employment is almost total, and GDP growth is world-class. The Prime Minister encourages each MSME to “take full advantage of this Roadshow Learn. Network. Ask questions. Explore new opportunities. And continue believing in the power of your ideas.”

en Español

De Las Pequeñas Empresas A Las Grandes Posibilidades

El Gobierno de Belice, a través de BELTRAIDE, dependiente de la Oficina del Primer Ministro, se ha puesto literalmente en marcha con la Tercera Gira Nacional de las MIPYMES (NMR). La gira comenzó en San Ignacio-Santa Elena y continuó por Benque, Orange Walk, Corozal, Punta Gorda, Dangriga, la ciudad de Belice, San Pedro, Caye Caulker y Belmopán, con un calendario previsto hasta finales de agosto. Desde la primera gira en 2022, más de 2.000 emprendedores se han subido a este tren de las MIPYMES, diseñado específicamente para impulsar sus negocios. Las MIPYMES se lo toman muy en serio y algunos participantes siguen literalmente la gira por varias localidades, aprovechando las oportunidades para establecer contactos y recibir consejos que podrían darles una ventaja al obtener beneficios. Los asistentes a la gira participan con entusiasmo y espíritu emprendedor, con altos niveles de ambición y determinación para aprender y expandirse. Las MIPYMES de Belice merecen este acceso a las herramientas, los recursos y el apoyo necesarios para consolidarse y crecer con éxito; este es el objetivo fundamental de la gira de las MIPYMES, tal como la concibe la OPM.

En 206 los nuevos emprendedores beliceños buscan sin descanso oportunidades y, día a día, se enfrentan a la moderna economía mixta digitalizada, en la que las iniciativas privadas trabajan en colaboración con un conjunto bien equilibrado de normativas y políticas gubernamentales. El ecosistema impulsado por planBelice ofrece una estrategia empresarial tanto para el desarrollo del país como para el crecimiento de los emprendedores. Cuando las empresas prosperan, también lo hace Belice y viceversa, en un ciclo empresarial ultraproductivo. Desde el trascendental año 200 el equipo del Gobierno se ha consolidado de manera innovadora y eficaz como un elemento valioso en el marco de la colaboración público-privada. El NMR ha demostrado una gran eficacia para identificar posibles soluciones y enfoques prácticos para abordar los retos.

Muchos emprendedores buscan una gira de presentación que les ayude a superar las dificultades para acceder a financiación. La transformación digital y la creciente competencia hacen necesaria la inyección de capital para su crecimiento. La gira de presentación facilita estratégicamente la colaboración entre el Gobierno, las instituciones financieras, el sector privado, los socios para el desarrollo y los emprendedores asistentes. El NMR es, por lo tanto, un trampolín para la participación, la colaboración, el aprendizaje y la acción. Las mejores políticas no se elaboran a puerta cerrada, sino que son los propios emprendedores quienes las desarrollan. Como socio, el Gobierno mantiene sus ojos y sus oídos fijos en la gira por el bien del pueblo beliceño.

Los emprendedores de Belice, en su mayoría mujeres, dan empleo, directa o indirectamente, al 70 % de la población activa. Entre ellos se encuentran los vendedores de zumos, los repartidores de hielo, los comerciantes en línea, los agricultores, los pescadores, los limpiadores, las pastelerías, las clínicas privadas, las costureras, los restaurantes, los barberos, los peluqueros, los bufetes de abogados, los medios de comunicación, los artistas de la «Economía Naranja» y un largo etcétera. Belice solo está limitado por su población y por los niveles de educación formal e informal. Hoy en día, la economía de Belice no puede esperar a que un graduado se quite la toga académica para conseguir un empleo. Pero aunque los empleadores reclutan y cortejan activamente a los futuros graduados, saben que los jóvenes beliceños buscan «hacerse ricos» y que un trabajo es un trampolín bienvenido.

A menudo, la gente ve al gobierno como un obstáculo. La NMR pretende aclarar que las normativas son una ayuda y no un impedimento. El gobierno ha respaldado un programa de la Región SICA financiado por el Departamento de Estado de EE.UU., el Programa MIPYME en Línea. Este programa ayuda a las micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas (MIPYMES) a adoptar tecnologías digitales y a reforzar su participación en la economía digital y les proporciona más de 100 000 dólares estadounidenses en ayudas para inversiones en comercio electrónico. Asimismo, la legislación de planBelice tiene como objetivo mejorar el panorama empresarial: la Amnistía Fiscal para las MIPYME, la Ley de Impuestos sobre la Renta y de Sociedades (Enmienda) de 2024, la Ley de Insolvencia y Quiebra de 2025 la Ley de Nombres Comerciales (Registro) de 2024, la Ley de Incentivos Fiscales de 2023 y la Ley de Derechos de Garantía sobre Bienes Muebles de 2024, junto con el Registro de Transacciones Garantizadas y Garantías Reales. Probablemente, la más significativa fue el Programa de Amnistía Fiscal para las micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas (MIPYMES), diseñado para ayudar a las empresas a formalizar sus operaciones, regularizar su situación y empezar de cero. Se recibieron más de 900 solicitudes y se aprobó que más de 800 micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas (MIPYMES) se beneficiaran de una desgravación fiscal de 12 meses. Las ventanillas únicas, ubicadas en todo el país, llevaron los servicios públicos directamente a la ciudadanía, lo que facilitó más que nunca el registro de sus empresas y el contacto con las instituciones creadas para apoyarlas. La desgravación fiscal no fue más que una vía hacia la formalización, el mayor acceso al mercado y a subvenciones y otras oportunidades que permiten a los emprendedores crear empresas más resilientes.

A través de BELTRAIDE, el Gobierno sigue invirtiendo en el crecimiento y la competitividad de las empresas beliceñas. Solo en 2025, BELTRAIDE prestó apoyo a más de 1 400 micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas (MIPYMES), facilitó más de 35 millones de dólares en inversiones, concedió más de 678 000 dólares en subvenciones, contribuyó a la creación y el mantenimiento de miles de puestos de trabajo y ayudó a las empresas beliceñas a acceder a nuevos mercados internacionales, lo que generó más de 44 millones de dólares en ventas de exportación. Esa ayuda continúa y la gira de presentación es una de las formas de ofrecerla. El Proyecto de Empoderamiento Empresarial de Belice (BEEP) es una iniciativa de BELTRAIDE, respaldada por el Fondo de Desarrollo de la CARICOM, que también apoya a las micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas.

Como se ha visto, el apoyo a los emprendedores está consagrado en la legislación promulgada por el Gobierno del PUP. La legislación puede hacer de todo, salvo aportar ideas de negocio para aprovechar las oportunidades empresariales, que siguen siendo competencia de los beliceños y de su espíritu emprendedor. El MRS ofrece herramientas actualizadas y oportunidades para que tanto mujeres como hombres puedan ofrecer productos y servicios de calidad. Los beliceños muestran su apoyo comprando y colaborando con los emprendedores del país. De este modo, las empresas contribuirán al bienestar de las familias y mejorarán la calidad de vida. La población tendrá un poder adquisitivo aún mayor, con carritos de la compra más llenos, mayor afluencia de público en los eventos, más gente viajando e incluso luces más brillantes en Navidad. Belice va por buen camino; hay abundantes puestos de trabajo y la situación mejora cada día; el Gobierno y la población están abordando el coste de la vida; y la construcción de la nación nunca se detiene.

Como líder, John Briceño se mezcla con la gente y escucha. Las ideas se fusionan y se desarrollan tanto en su mente como en la mesa del equipo de planBelice. A partir de ahí, se convierten en políticas y leyes. Este proceso es la base de planBelice y la fortaleza de Belice, donde el empleo es casi total y el crecimiento del PIB es de primer orden. El primer ministro anima a cada micro, pequeña y mediana empresa a aprovechar al máximo esta gira de presentación: «Aprended. Estableced contactos. Haced preguntas. Explorad nuevas oportunidades. Y seguid creyendo en el poder de vuestras ideas».

Belize Reflects at Forty-Five

“Look At Me. I Am Belize @ 45”

July 1, 2026 - Belize has officially launched the theme for its 45th Independence celebrations, setting the stage for this year’s September festivities with a message that encourages national reflection and personal responsibility. The National Celebrations Commission (NCC) on Thursday unveiled “Look At Me. I Am Belize at 45,” a theme submitted by Amber Mariano, which will guide celebrations in communities across the country.

Selected from a shortlist of three by a selection committee, the winning theme differs from previous years by placing the spotlight on individual Belizeans and their role in shaping the nation’s future. Rather than focusing solely on national achievements, the message invites citizens to consider their own Belizean identity and their contributions to the country’s continued development.

Speaking at the launch, Belize City Mayor Bernard Wagner described the theme as a tribute to the ordinary citizens whose efforts have built the nation over the past four and a half decades.

“Forty-five years may seem like a



brief chapter in the life of a nation, but within those years are countless stories of courage, resilience, innovation, sacrifice, and hope. Stories of ordinary Belizeans doing really extraordinary things,” Wagner said.

The mayor added, “*This afternoon, we officially open a season that belongs to every Belizean. In many ways, today sets the tone for the months ahead. This theme we unveiled today will be the thread that connects our celebrations across the districts.*”

For Mariano, the inspiration behind the winning submission came from Belize’s rich cultural diversity and the pride shared by our people.

“*My inspiration was for sure the Belizean people as a country with more ethnic groups than I can think of from other countries. I wanted to make a theme where Belizeans would be proud of who they are,*” she explained.

Minister of Culture and NCC Chairman Hon. Francis Fonseca, who recently returned to his official duties after nearly two months away, “Here in Belize, we have something truly extraordinary to celebrate. Our great existential threat is being solved not by bloodshed but by an international court system. We are choosing peace,



diplomacy, and the rule of law,” he said.

Hon. Fonseca also outlined the extensive process behind the annual theme competition, noting that the commission receives thousands of entries from Belizeans across the country each year. He said the selected theme stood out because it challenges every citizen to examine their own role in national progress.

“*We kick off the September celebrations every year by launching the theme. We go through an extensive process of selecting the theme, and we are always very glad to receive thousands of submissions from across the country,*” he said.

According to Minister Fonseca, the phrase “Look At Me. I Am Belize at 45” represents a call to action as much as it does a celebration.

“What am I doing to make Belize better? How am I contributing to the



growth and development of Belize? That’s the whole spirit behind the selection of this year’s theme,” he explained.

He added that the message extends to every profession and every community, encouraging citizens to strive for excellence in their own fields, whether in public service, the media, education, business, or other sectors.

“*To me, it means how I can challenge myself to do more for Belize. How can I challenge myself to be a better public servant of the people? Everyone should ask themselves how they can be more committed to Belize,*” Fonseca said.

With the official theme now unveiled, preparations for Belize’s 45th Independence celebrations are expected to intensify in the coming weeks. Organizers hope this year’s message will inspire not only patriotic celebrations but also meaningful reflection on the shared responsibility of building a stronger nation for generations to come.



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GoB-MCC Modified Compact Signed Strengthens Investments in Education & Energy

Belmopan, July 1, 2026 - Today, the Government of Belize formally signed modifications to the Belize Compact, a US\$125 million grant agreement with the U.S. Government's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), focused on investments in education and energy to support long-term economic growth in Belize. The compact is one of the largest grant investments in Belize's history.



Carlos Pol, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Economic Transformation, signed the Compact modifications on behalf of the Government of Belize. The signing ceremony was also attended by Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño; Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation; Joseph Waight, Financial Secretary; Katharine Beamer, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires; Dian Maheia, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology; and Dr. Leroy Almendarez, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics.

The Belize Compact is designed to address two of the country's critical constraints to economic growth: the need for a more skilled workforce and the high cost of electricity. The modified compact reflects adjustments made following a United States Government foreign assistance review.

The revisions retain the compact's core objectives while reallocating US\$20 million in MCC funding from the Education Project to the Energy Project to support enhanced energy infrastructure investments. That support includes a new 69-kilovolt submarine cable to Ambergris Caye, which will help strengthen the national transmission network and meet the increased demand for power in the area. The Energy Project will also support reforms to strengthen and modernize Belize's energy policy and regulatory framework, including refinement of the Belize Energy Act.

The Education Project will continue to focus on improving learning outcomes and workforce readiness by transforming teaching and learning in secondary education and strengthening technical and vocational education and training systems.

The Government of Belize will increase its contributions to both the Education and Energy Projects, including an increase in energy sector financing to US\$38 million and continued support for digital learning devices for students. These additional investments will help ensure that key objectives are achieved.

The Belize Compact is expected to benefit all Belizeans by strengthening secondary education and reducing the wholesale cost of electricity. The Government of Belize created the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) – Belize to lead implementation of the compact, which is set to enter into force later this year. **(release)**








Resilient Bold Belize
GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Duty Station: Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of Finance Assistant under the Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize's marine and coastal ecosystems while promoting sustainable livelihoods and strengthening financial and institutional systems for people-centred conservation. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

Position Summary

The Finance Assistant will be based in Belize City within the BBFP Unit and will provide financial and administrative support to ensure efficient and compliant project implementation. The position supports budgeting, financial reporting, procurement, contract administration, and audit processes in accordance with WWF (GEF Agency) requirements and Government of Belize financial procedures.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in budget preparation, expenditure monitoring, and financial reporting
- Maintain accurate and auditable financial records
- Validate and process payments in accordance with approved budgets
- Support procurement processes and contract administration
- Prepare financial inputs for donor reporting and Project Progress Reports
- Assist with audits, evaluations, and compliance monitoring
- Provide administrative and logistical support for project activities

Qualifications and Experience

- Minimum Associate Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or related field (bachelor's degree is an asset).
- At least three (3) years' experience in financial management, accounting, or budgeting.
- Experience in donor-funded projects, government institutions, or NGOs preferred.
- Demonstrated experience in budget preparation, financial reporting, expenditure monitoring, audit support, procurement, and contract administration.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Excel and accounting software (e.g., QuickBooks).

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by **e-mailing:**
rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz with the subject line **"Financial Assistant TOR."** Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit's **Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn** pages.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, 17th July 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**
All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. The Committee will conduct due diligence to verify the information provided in the **detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)** and during the interview process.

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More History High School Super Nationals

July 2, 2026 - Belize's inaugural High School Super Nationals 2026 have officially begun, bringing together the country's most talented young athletes for a week of competition, sportmanship, and district pride.

The five-day championship opened on Monday, June 29, with a colourful parade featuring student-athletes from all six districts. The procession was followed by an opening ceremony that marked the official start of what organizers hope will become a flagship event on Belize's sporting calendar.

Delivering the keynote address, Minister of State for Youth and Sports Hon. Devin Daly encouraged participants to embrace the values of integrity, determination, and respect as they compete for national honours. His message set the tone for a tournament focused not only on winning but also on character, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Athletes are competing in football, basketball, volleyball, and athletics, proudly representing their districts in the first-ever edition of the national championship. Throughout the venues, district colours have become a defining feature of the event, with Stann Creek sporting yellow, Toledo green, Corozal pink, Belize blue, Cayo black, and Orange Walk orange.

The Ministry of Tourism, Youth,



Sports and Diaspora Relations extended its best wishes to every participating team while recognizing the many individuals working behind the scenes to make the competition possible. Special appreciation was expressed to the National Sports Council of Belize, coaches, teachers, officials, volunteers, and supporters for their commitment to developing youth through sport.

NSC says the championship is about more than medals and trophies. It is an opportunity for students from every corner of Belize to build friendships, display their talents, and represent their communities on a national stage.

The tournament has already produced plenty of memorable moments. Spectators have witnessed determined defensive performances, spectacular saves, powerful spikes, exciting rallies, and fierce contests as teams battle for every point. Whether on the football



field, basketball court, volleyball court, or athletics track, competitors have displayed the passion and discipline expected of Belize's next generation of champions.

By the third day of competition, the intensity had noticeably increased as teams fought to secure places in the knockout rounds. Every goal scored, point earned, finish line crossed, and cheer from the sidelines contributed to



an atmosphere of excitement and unity.

The event has become a celebration of resilience, teamwork, and the unbreakable spirit of sport, with students demonstrating determination regardless of the outcome of each contest. As the competition moves into its closing stages, championship aspirations remain alive for teams across the country.

With knockout positions, district bragging rights, and national titles on the line, each remaining match carries added motivation. Fans have continued to turn out in support of their districts, creating an energetic environment that has helped make the inaugural tournament a success.

The High School Super Nationals conclude on Friday, July 3, when champions will be crowned across the various disciplines. NSC is encouraging Belizeans to continue supporting the young athletes during the final day of competition, while the official results and championship summaries are expected to be released next week. -EF





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Request for Bids (RFB)

Wastewater Line Relocation, Belcan Bridge

1. This RFB follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project publicized as of 30 June 2026.
2. The Belize Water Services Limited now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply, installation and commissioning of a wastewater line for Relocation of Sewer Force main, Belcan Bridge Works. The delivery/construction period is 90 days from Start Date as specified in Section 4.19 of Bidding Document.
3. The RFB will be conducted through the Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Belize Water Services' Bidding Document section Eligibility and Qualification Requirements Section 2.6 and 4.21.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Belize Water Services Limited, **Lawrence Young, Sr. Project Manager, Technical Services Department** lawrence.young@bwsl.com.bz
5. Qualification requirements include: copies of original documents defining the constitution, Power of Attorney, experience in works similar nature and size for the past 5 years and other information as requested in the Bidding Document.
6. A complete set of the bidding document in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address above. The bidding document will be sent by email.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 3:00 p.m. 23rd July 2026. Electronic bidding "shall not" be permitted. Late bids will be rejected.
8. The address referred to above is: Ms. Reina Gonzalez, Technical Services Manager, Belize Water Services Limited, 7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize C.A.

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SHYNE HAS TRACY'S NUMBER

Tracy Panton is the most frustrated human being these days. Every time she seeks to exploit issues relating to alleged corruption in the public sector, Shyne Barrow steps in to remind her who she herself is, and why she has no moral authority to speak about corruption. And, whenever this happens, she loses her cool and behaves like a cornered animal, snarling and firing bites.

In the latest episode of *Shyne* frustrates Tracy, she even threatens to take legal action. But, across Social Media, people keep commenting that *Shyne* is only telling the gospel truth.

Indeed, that's all he is doing when he recounts that it was Tracy, as Minister of State with full responsibility for Gaming Control, who presided over renewal of the corrupt UDP Boledo contract for that private company partly owned (allegedly) by the other son of the former Prime Minister, a contract that deprived the Belizean people of millions upon millions of dollars never paid in to Government under the UDP.

Shyne also keeps reminding Tracy and the nation about the well-documented, corrupt deeds of the dinosaurs and their derivatives with whom she continues to surround herself, like the one who the US State Department designated as ‘significantly corrupt’ and his protégé.

"Belisle went to meet Lev Dermen in California with none other than his mentor, Saldivar," Shyne reminded her. "So, if Saldivar is significantly corrupt, so is Belisle that was there with him every step of the way," he posted on Facebook, with relevant photos from the archives which remain in public domain.

Shyne further emphasized that, in Belmopan, Tracy's old ally and her new candidate are no different. "She is now in favor of the young man who sold out all of Belmopan's buffer land, Hilltop and whatever else he could, while he was Mayor of Belmopan," he remarked.

As to her own past actions and glaring lack of moral authority, a news reporter pointedly confronted Tracy this past week, "The former Leader of the Opposition said that you have no authority to speak on these matters because you approved that (Brads) Boledo contract, and that's a nepotistic contract, and what he calls a corrupt contract."

Tracy responded with her characteristic snarl and firing of bites and warnings and threats, "The former Leader of the United Democratic Party has entered dangerous territory. His comments are defamatory. They are libelous, and I will take the appropriate action with that matter!" Like a promised, elusive cheque, we presume her letter of intended legal action is in the mail because, as any lawyer will tell you, the truth is the best defense in a court of law.

Shyne has Tracy's number, and the ghosts from her shameful past keep haunting her.





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The slide features a background image of a woman in a purple shirt, seen from the back, with her arms raised in a gesture of hope or triumph. A large, stylized purple ribbon is draped across the bottom left corner. At the top center is a circular logo containing a heart, a sun, and two hands. The main title is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, a paragraph in white capital letters describes the bill's focus. A second paragraph in white capital letters states the message of the bill. A list of six items, each with an icon and the word in white capital letters, follows. A yellow box with rounded corners contains a message of hope in black capital letters. The bottom of the slide features a bold white statement and a footer with the slide's title and number in white capital letters.

WHAT MESSAGE DOES THIS BILL SEND TO BELIZE?

THE PROPOSED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (PROHIBITION) BILL, 2026 REFLECTS BELIZE'S COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING PROTECTION, EXPANDING SUPPORT, AND PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY.

IT SENDS A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAS NO PLACE IN OUR HOMES, OUR COMMUNITIES, OR OUR NATION.

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UNDERSTANDING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (PROHIBITION) BILL, 2026
SLIDE 13 OF 13

MSME Roadshow Expands Nationwide

From SI-SE to Benque to the Rest of Belize

July 1, 2026 - Belize's third National Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (MSME) Roadshow officially began its nationwide tour last Friday, delivering on the Government's commitment to strengthening local entrepreneurship by bringing business development services directly into our communities.

The Office of the Prime Minister, in partnership with BELTRAIDE, is hosting. The 2026 Roadshow is designed to equip entrepreneurs, artisans, and small business owners with practical tools, funding opportunities, and networking platforms to help them establish, formalize, and expand their enterprises. The initiative forms part of the Government's unwavering commitment to fostering sustainable economic growth by investing in Belize's MSME sector.



The national tour got underway last week in San Ignacio, where hundreds of aspiring and established entrepreneurs participated in three days of business-focused activities from June 24 to 26.

Day one, held at the Octavia Waight Convention Hall, featured interactive masterclasses covering key aspects of business development. The participants also attended a Town Hall session where government representatives and stakeholders shared information on existing and upcoming programmes designed to support MSMEs while listening to the challenges faced by business owners.

The second day focused on business formalization, providing entrepreneurs with guidance on registration procedures, regulatory requirements, and the steps necessary to strengthen and grow their operations.

The San Ignacio leg concluded with the Buy Belizean Expo at the Cayo Welcome Centre, where locally made products took center stage. The exhibition highlighted the creativity, quality, and innovation of Belizean businesses while encouraging residents to support homegrown products and services.

Following a successful opening stop in San Ignacio, the Roadshow now moves to Benque Viejo del Carmen, where activities will run from July 2 through July 4.

The first day will be held at Cancha Marshalleck Stadium from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., offering participants a full schedule of masterclasses, networking opportunities, and practical business insights. A Town Hall session will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., allowing entrepreneurs to engage directly with officials and learn about programmes that support business growth.

On July 3, attention will shift to another Formalization Clinic at the same venue from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., providing business owners with personalized guidance on becoming fully compliant while positioning them to access financing, training, and other support services.



The Roadshow will conclude in Benque Viejo on July 4 with the Buy Belizean Expo at Centennial Park. From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., visitors will have the opportunity to discover and purchase products created by Belizean entrepreneurs, reinforcing the importance of supporting local industries and strengthening domestic markets.

Participation in all three days of ac-

tivities is free of charge. Organizers are encouraging entrepreneurs to attend every session for a chance to win a \$1,000 cash prize along with a Buy Belizean gift basket. - EF

The Roadshow continues to serve as an important platform for connecting small businesses with government agencies, development partners, and financial institutions while encouraging innovation and long-term sustainability within the sector. By bringing training and resources directly to communities, the initiative aims to remove barriers that often prevent entrepreneurs from accessing business support services.

With Benque Viejo set to host the second stop of the national tour, organizers are already looking ahead to Orange Walk, where the Roadshow will continue from July 9 to 11. As it travels across the country, the initiative is expected to provide hundreds more entrepreneurs with the knowledge, connections, and opportunities needed to build stronger businesses and contribute to Belize's growing economy.

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strengthening early childhood education in northern Belize.
With the community fully engaged and preparations already underway, all systems are go for the upcoming school year as the preschool gets ready to welcome its first cohort of young learners.
Investing in our children today, building Belize’s future tomorrow. (posts)

OW Technical High School MoECST-CDB

Orange Walk Technical High School extends heartfelt appreciation to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MoECST), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), and the Project Execution Unit for their continued support and investment in our school’s development.
We sincerely thank Hon. Ramon Cervantes, Ms. Yolanda Gongora, Mrs. Ingrid Acosta, Mr. Elbert Ellis, the CDB representatives, and all officials who visited our campus to observe the progress of the ongoing construction projects.
These new ferro-concrete structures represent a significant step toward providing our students and staff with safer, stronger, and more modern learning facilities.
Thank you for your commitment to education and for helping us build a brighter future for Orange Walk Technical High School. (OWTHS post)



Stann Creek ITVET CDB & BSIF Participate in Stakeholder Engagement Session

Today, the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) welcomed a mission from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) as part of a stakeholder engagement exercise to familiarize CDB representatives with ongoing subprojects being implemented under the Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF) 10 Programme.
Leading the engagement were BSIF Executive Director Carlos Tun, Deputy Executive Director Angeles Itzab, BNTF (Belize) Programme Manager Dorett Tennyson, and members of the BSIF team.
The first stop was the Stann Creek ITVET in Hope Creek Village, where school management shared their experience working in partnership with BSIF throughout the implementation of the project. They also highlighted the transformative impact the newly refurbished facility will have in expanding technical and vocational education opportunities and strengthening services for students across southern Belize.
Together, we continue investing in resilient communities, quality education, and a brighter future for Belize. (post)
There was an inauguration here that had to be postponed due to weather. But the building is already being used and is functioning.



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The Central Bank invites eligible public accounting firms licensed to practice in Belize to submit tenders comprising technical and financial proposals. To be considered for the award, firms must demonstrate previous experience in providing auditing services to medium or large size organizations.

Tenders must be submitted to the Central Bank and received no later than 4:00 p.m. on 7 August 2026.

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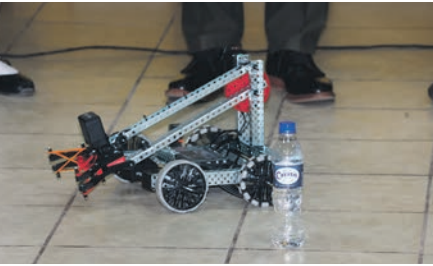
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Belize Showcases Robotics Caribbean SEED Summit

National Strategy for Education & Economic Growth

July 1, 2026 - Belize strengthened its reputation as a regional leader in STEM education and innovation at the inaugural Caribbean SEED (STEM Engine for Economic Development) Summit 2026, where the country’s nationally recognized Robotics as a Sport initiative was presented as a practical model for preparing young people for the changing world of work while supporting long-term economic development.

Hosted by the Caribbean Science Foundation (CSF) in partnership with Barbados’ Ministry of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology (MIIST) and FUTURE Barbados, the Summit convened researchers, educators, entrepreneurs, investors, government leaders, and policymakers from across the Caribbean and the international community to explore how science, technology, engineering, and mathematics can strengthen regional economies through innovation, entrepreneurship, and strategic investment.



Belize was represented by Jamie Lee Usher, Vice Principal of Student Affairs at Saint Catherine Academy and President of the Belize Robotics Federation. Her presentation highlighted Belize’s historic distinction as the first country in the world to officially declare robotics a sport. Rather than treating robotics solely as a technology programme, Belize’s model applies the principles that make sport successful, including coaching, disciplined practice, teamwork, competition, resilience, and continuous improvement, to help students develop technical competence alongside leadership, communication, creativity, and problem-solving.

The presentation reflected many of the Summit’s central themes. Throughout the conference, internationally respected leaders including Prof. Cardinal Warde, Interim Executive Director of the Caribbean Science Foundation and Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Dinah Sah, Co-Executive Director of the Caribbean Science Foundation; Dr. Didacus Jules, Director General of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States; and Senator the Hon. Jonathan Reid, Barbados’ Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology, emphasized that the Caribbean’s future prosperity will depend upon stronger links between education, scientific research, entrepreneurship, investment, and public policy. Their message was consistent: countries that intentionally develop talent and innovation today will be better positioned to create the industries and jobs of tomorrow.

Beyond the formal presentation, Belize participated in strategic networking sessions examining STEM education, artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, robotics, financing, and technology commercialization. Discussions highlighted the importance of modernizing curricula, strengthening teacher preparation in emerging technologies, removing barriers to student participation, and building stronger partnerships among governments, education systems, industry, and the Caribbean diaspora. The discussions reinforced a simple but powerful principle echoed throughout the Summit: developing skills is essential to building stronger economies because, ultimately, as Usher reminded, “*skills pay the bills.*”



Belize also invited Caribbean nations to consider robotics as a practical national strategy for expanding STEM participation, strengthening workforce development, and creating new opportunities for young people. The proposal generated significant discussion among educators, researchers, policymakers, and innovation leaders seeking practical approaches to educational reform and economic competitiveness.

Belize’s growing leadership in robotics reflects sustained collaboration among government, education, and national partners. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, Belize became the first nation to formally recognize robotics as an official sport, establishing a policy that continues to receive international attention. Continued leadership from Chief Executive Officer Jose Urbina and the Ministry of E-Governance has strengthened the national robotics programme through digital innovation, strategic partnerships, and expanded opportunities for young people.



This national progress has also been supported by educational institutions committed to innovation. Under the leadership of Principal Dr. Salome Tillett, Saint Catherine Academy continues to demonstrate how schools can prepare students for leadership, service, and innovation by connecting classroom learning with authentic, real-world experiences.

Reflecting on the Summit, Usher noted that the Caribbean has the talent and creativity to compete globally, but lasting progress will depend on aligning education with national development. “Robotics as a sport demonstrates what is possible when education extends beyond the classroom. Students are challenged to think critically, solve real problems, work as teams, communicate effectively, and persevere through failure. These are not only the qualities of successful competitors. They are the qualities of the workforce and leadership the Caribbean will need in the years ahead.”

The Caribbean SEED Summit concluded with renewed commitments to regional collaboration in STEM education, scientific research, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Belize’s contribution demonstrated that small states can shape regional conversations by aligning national policy with educational leadership and a clear vision for developing the next generation of innovators. (release)

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A: COROZAL DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 1033 F Street South, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal Central	1	1033
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2. Parcel No. 769/1 Warree Bight, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Warree Bight/ Freshwater Creek	3	769/1
The leasehold property of Mr. Johan Wall.		

B: ORANGE WALK DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 603/1 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	1	603/1
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2. Parcel No.879 San Jose Village, Orange Walk District



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose/ San Pablo	1	879
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C: BELIZE DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 7026 Mile 13 in the Los Lagos area, Ladyville, Belize District:



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Ladyville/ Lord’s Bank	16	7026
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2. Parcel No. 7007 Mile 13 in the Los Lagos area, Ladyville, Belize District:



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Belmopan	20	1634
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Mount Pleasant	20	1152
The freehold property of Messrs. AJS Group International Co. Ltd.		

D: STANN CREEK DISTRICT:

1. 404.550 S.M being Lot No. 165 & 166 in Sarawee Village Stann Creek District:



All that piece or parcel of land being Lot. 165 situate in Sarawee Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Ms. Marion Margaret Lamb surety for Mr. Norlan Absolon Lamb.		
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2. 766.235 S.M being Lot No. 256 in Silk Grass Village, Stann Creek District:



All that piece or parcel of land being Lot. 256 situate in Silk Grass Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Lucero Kristel Cruz and Mr. Marvin Salam surety for Mr. Lucero Kristel Cruz.		
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MoECST in Toledo



Min. Oscar Requena, Rural Transformation



Min. Anthony Mahler, Tourism



Min. Kevin Bernard, MoHW



Min. Andre Perez & Landy Habet, Blue Economy and Sustainable Development



Min. Henry Usher, Public Service & Disaster Risk Management



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‘Seguimos Muy Bien’

VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN *Belize Represented In Spain*

At CABEL'S Milestone 66th Ordinary Board of Governors Meeting CABEL Engine for Positive Transformation

By Hilly Bennett

Belize was represented by Dr. Hon Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation, at the 66th Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), which was held on Friday, June 2026, in Oviedo, Principality of Asturias, Spain. As reported by PR Newswire, CABEI's Board of Governors is the institution's highest governing body. A multilateral development bank with 66 years of history and 15 member countries, including Belize, which has been a member for almost two decades.

At the opening, the meeting featured the participation of Adrian Barbon, President of the Principality of Asturias; Carlos Cuerpo Caballero, First Vice President of the Government of Spain and Minister of Economy, Trade, and Business; Alfredo Cantell Fernandez, Mayor of Oviedo; Jorge Rodriguez Vives, President of the Board of Governors; and Gisela Sanchez, Executive President of CABEI, along with the governors, directors, and representatives from the Bank's member countries. In his opening remarks, Carlos Cuerpo, First Vice President of the Government of Spain, affirmed the Bank's role as a strategic development partner. Importantly, Dr. Martinez held a side meeting with the First Vice Caballero regarding the strengthening of bilateral relations, technical support, knowledge transfer in tourism and engineering, climate finance, and the monetisation of carbon credits.

This year's CABEI Board of Governors was marked by a milestone with the approval of a new US\$3 billion capital increase and the strengthening of the Bank's governance. The increase in capitalisation will strengthen the Bank's capacity to finance transformative development initiatives across the region, while maintaining the existing shareholding structure, with the founding member countries retaining 51 percent ownership. Notwithstanding the approval of raising the capital from \$7 billion to \$10 billion, which will allow the institution's capacity to support transformational projects in its member countries, Belize successfully advanced a proposal for the establishment of an advisor position to represent Belize at the CABEI Board of Directors.

The proposal received the support of the Board of Governors and will now proceed to the Board of Directors for formalisation. As per a GOB release, "Once established, the position will further strengthen Belize's engagement in the Bank's governance and enhance its participation in regional decision-making." Additionally, Belize proposed the creation of a full-time professional position based in Belize to strengthen the Bank's presence and technical engagement in the country. The proposal was approved, representing another important milestone in deepening CABEI's partnership with Belize and improving coordination on development initiatives.

Consideration was given to an initiative for the establishment of a regional artificial intelligence (AI) hub for Central America, for which Dr. Martinez advocated for Belize to become the host country for the initiative. Martinez highlighted Belize's unique position as the only nation that is a member of both the Central American Integration System (SICA) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), providing a natural bridge between both groupings.

According to Gisela Sanchez, CABEI Executive President, "Today, we are not only strengthening CABEI in terms of its governance and financial capacity, but we are also creating the conditions for the development of regional projects for economic, social, and environmental integration, which will transform the lives of millions of citizens in our member countries."

The Government of Belize has aligned itself with the outcomes of the meeting and has affirmed its commitment to working closely with CABEI and its member countries to advance initiatives that promote economic transformation, sustainable development, regional integration, and improved opportunities for the Belizean people.



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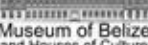
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THE PAVING OF RIO BRAVO CRESCENT IN PORT



More than 40 years after Independence Rio Bravo Crescent is being paved by Hon Gilroy Usher Area Representative for Port Loyola/ Minister of State for the benefit of the entire division. Preparations are also underway for the paving of Auriel Hall and Louis Bevans Streets shortly.

The Hon. Gilroy Usher has moved Port Loyola to a better standard of living and he promises even more.



Hon. Kevin Bernard & OW East Moms & Dads Celebrates Evening of Fun, Games and a Great Times

The OW East residents vis-à-vis the moms and dads had a wonderful day celebrating the parents of the developing division! Everyone enjoyed fun games, won amazing prizes, and had a great time.

The OW East Committee for Hon. Bernard: *“Our moms and dads deserve this and so much more. Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to everyone who joined us!”*



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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Internal Audit Department.

The Senior Administrative Assistant supports the Manager's office and the respective department by ensuring effective communication and efficient operation of priority matters. The role optimizes the Manager's time through planning, scheduling, and monitoring of departmental responsibilities.

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- Receive, screen, and prioritize telephone calls, emails, and other correspondence directed to the Manager's office.
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- Support the Manager and department with daily, weekly, and monthly planning to ensure all matters are addressed in a timely manner.
- Develop and maintain effective follow-up systems to monitor the implementation of the Manager's directives, decisions, and requests within agreed timelines.
- Follow up on time-sensitive issues and keep the Manager advised of their status.
- Coordinate the Manager's and department's participation in domestic and international meetings, conferences, and events, including securing agendas and preparing required documentation.
- Maintain Manager's office and departmental records in accordance with established guidelines, ensuring highest level of confidentiality.
- Manage stationery and office supplies to maintain adequate inventory levels and ensure timely distribution.
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- Perform other duties as required to support the department's functions.

The applicant should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A preferred qualification of an associate's degree in business administration, or a related field from a recognized tertiary institution, with at least three (3) years of relevant experience; Possession of an Advanced (Executive) Administrative Professional Certificate will be considered a strong asset.
- A minimum qualification of an associate's degree in business administration, or a related field from a recognized tertiary institution, with at least two (2) years of relevant experience.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of office administration and confidentiality standards; Strong communication (oral and written), customer service and relation-building skills; Project management skills; Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite.

COMPETENCIES

- Initiative, Interpersonal Relations, Organizational Ability, Analytical Ability, Communication, Customer Focus, Job Knowledge, Quality of Output, Department, Problem Solving/Judgement.

Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 8 July 2026**:

- Central Bank Employment Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates
- Two (2) current references (at least one must be from a previous or current employer)

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
P O Box 852 or Gabourel Lane
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Senior Administrative Assistant- Internal Audit Department

Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)

New Belize Coin Series

Release July 1, 2026

Belize in Every Coin

Minted by the Royal Canadian Mint in 2026, this collection is a permanent tribute to our natural wonders, rich heritage, and enduring national symbols. Crafted for the modern era, this series combines advanced minting technology with thoughtful, accessible design. (Central Bank official info)

DOLLAR

Metal: Bronze-Plated Steel

Specifications: Diameter: 26.0mm | Weight: 7.3g | Alloy: Bronze-Plated Steel | Edge: Alternate Plain/Milled | Shape: 10-Sided

Obverse: Features a geographic map of Belize with a wave design background framing six sides of the perimeter.

Reverse: Displays the numerical value “1” and the word “DOLLAR” in the center, encircled by a laurel wreath. The upper arc features the inscription “BELIZE” with the year of mintage at the bottom. A scalloped border frames the outer rim.

Fifty cents

Metal: Nickel-Plated Steel

Specifications: Diameter: 27.74mm | Weight: 8.25g | Alloy: Nickel-Plated Steel | Edge: Milled | Shape: Round

Obverse: Features the Mahogany Tree (*Swietenia macrophylla*), the national tree of Belize, showcasing its broad, spreading canopy and sturdy trunk profile.

Reverse: Displays the numerical value “50” and the word “CENTS” in the center, encircled by a laurel wreath. The upper arc features the inscription “BELIZE” with the year of mintage at the bottom. A scalloped border frames the outer rim.

Twenty Five cents

Metal: Nickel-plated Steel

Specifications: Diameter: 23.60mm | Weight: 5.25g | Alloy: Nickel-Plated Steel | Edge: Milled | Shape: Round

Obverse: Features the Keel-Billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*), the national bird of Belize, highlighting its iconic, oversized bill and alert posture.

Reverse: Displays the numerical value “25” and the word “CENTS” in the center, encircled by a laurel wreath. The upper arc features the inscription “BELIZE” with the year of mintage at the bottom. A scalloped border frames the outer rim.

Ten cents

Metal: Nickel-plated Steel

Specifications: Diameter: 17.00mm | Weight: 2.35g | Alloy: Nickel-Plated Steel | Edge: Milled | Shape: Round

Obverse: Features the official Coat of Arms of Belize, highlighting the central armorial shield supported by two mahogany woodcutters beneath a mahogany tree.

Reverse: Displays the numerical value “10” and the word “CENTS” in the center, encircled by a laurel wreath. The upper arc features the inscription “BELIZE” with the year of mintage at the bottom. A scalloped border frames the outer rim.

Five cents

Metal: Nickel-plated Steel

Specifications: Diameter: 20.19mm | Weight: 3.20g | Alloy: Nickel-Plated Steel | Edge: Plain | Shape: Round

Obverse: Features the Baird's Tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*), the national animal of Belize, highlighting its distinctive profile and prominent snout.

Reverse: Displays the numerical value “5” and the word “CENTS” in the center, encircled by a laurel wreath. The upper arc features the inscription “BELIZE” with the year of mintage at the bottom. A scalloped border frames the outer rim.

One cents

Metal: Nickel-plated Steel

Specifications: Diameter: 19.25mm | Weight: 2.3g | Alloy: Nickel-Plated Steel | Edge: Plain | Shape: 10-Sided

Obverse: Features the Black Orchid (*Prosthechea cochleata*), the national flower of Belize, showcasing the unique shape of the petals.



Reverse: Displays the numerical value “1” and the word “CENT” in the center, encircled by a laurel wreath. The upper arc features the inscription “BELIZE” with the year of mintage at the bottom. A scalloped border frames the outer rim.

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES & VESSEL

Corozal North, San Jaqu in/ San Maximo Village, Corozal District; Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District; Caribbean Shores, Ladyville, San Pedro, Belize District; Santa Elena, Cayo District.

BY ORDER o f the Mortgagees Messrs. Atlantic Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauc-tions.com the following properties and vessel. Sales currently running and will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties and vessel are sold.

1. Parcel No. 4013 Corozal North, Corozal District:



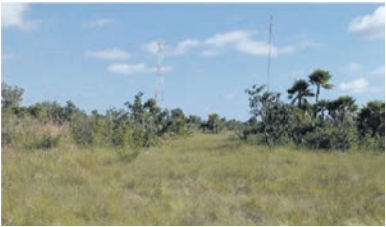
REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	4013
The freehold property of Mr. Leroy Westby.		

2. Parcel No. 296 San ðaq uin Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Joaquin/San Maximo	1	296
The freehold property of Mr. Wilbert P. Linares		

3. Parcel No. 1447 Carmelita Village, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Carmelita	4	1447
The freehold property of Mr. Roamir Edwardo Gonzalez.		

4. Parcel No. 1781 Vista Del Mar, Ladyville, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Vista Del Mar	16	1781
The freehold property of Mr. Andre Keron Kalique Gill Card.		

5. Parcel No. 972 Caribbean Shores, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Caribbean Shores	16	972
The freehold property of Mr. Edmond Chee surety for The Pew Pew Store -Guns & Ammo C0. Ltd.		

6. Parcel No. 1174 off Loma Luz Boulevard, Santa Elena, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Santa Elena/Cayo	23	1173 & 1174
The freehold property of Mr. Gianni Jerald Castillo.		

7. Vessel:



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Taipei International Food Show 2026! Belize Proudly Showcased

What an incredible four-day journey! From productive B2B meetings and product tastings to meaningful cultural exchanges, Belize proudly showcased its export potential on the global stage.

A highlight of the expo was our BELTRAIDE representative presenting Belize's dynamic trade opportunities, while the Belize Pavilion closed with vibrant steel pan performances and traditional dances by Belizean students in Taiwan, leaving a lasting impression of Belize's rich culture.

The mission concluded with a luncheon hosted by the Ambassador of Belize to Taiwan, H.E. Katherine Meighan, alongside CATO Executive Director August Chan.

A heartfelt thank you to our outstanding delegation:

National Fishermen Producers Cooperative Society Ltd. | Riversdale Seamoss | Julie's Zucchini Salsa | Aqua Mar Belize Ltd.

Special thanks to our partners for making this mission a success: Central America Trade Office (CATO) | Taiwan in Belize | Embassy of Belize, Taiwan | TAITRA Global | Food Taipei Mega Shows.

Thank you to everyone who visited the Belize Pavilion. Together, we're strengthening Belize-Taiwan trade and creating new opportunities for Belizean businesses.

Safe travels to our delegation! (BELTRAIDE Post)



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Tourism Business Connect Brings Regional Partners Together



Tourism stakeholders, businesses, and industry partners from Belize and Guatemala came together at the Grand Resort & Residences in Belize City on June 30 for the Tourism Business Connect, a business matchmaking initiative organized by CENPROMYPE and the Central America Tourism Agency (CATA) with support from the Republic of China (Taiwan). The event created valuable opportunities to strengthen tourism value chains, build new partnerships, and promote regional trade and collaboration.

During the event, Mr. Josue Carballo, Chief Tourism Officer in the Ministry of Tourism, Youth, Sports and Diaspora Relations, spoke on the importance of collaboration in building a stronger, more resilient tourism industry, reminding participants that "there's no better way going forward than working together."(post)

Even BELTRAIDE was in collaboration with the "Tourism and Business Connect" Business Matchmaking Event on June 30. This brought together tourism stakeholders and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) to strengthen Belize's tourism value chain and create new commercial opportunities.

Held under the Intersectoral Program to Support MSME Development and Sustainable Tourism, the event featured presentations on tourism market opportunities, strategic partnerships, and international trends before participants engaged in structured business-to-business (B2B) meetings designed to foster partnerships, increase local sourcing, and expand MSME participation within Be-

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BTB Ceremony SAIF Signing & Awards \$1.1M in Grants



June 26 marked an exciting achievement for Belize's tourism industry.

The Sustainable & Inclusive Belize (SAIB) Program held a signing and award ceremony for its first cohort of tourism grant recipients, recognizing 39 Belizean tourism entrepreneurs who will collectively receive over BZD \$1.1 million to bring innovative, sustainable projects to life across the coun-

try. Through grants, technical support, and capacity-building, SAIB is empowering Belizean tourism MSMEs to grow stronger, more competitive businesses while promoting sustainable development nationwide.

Congratulations to all of the awardees—we look forward to seeing your projects make a lasting impact!

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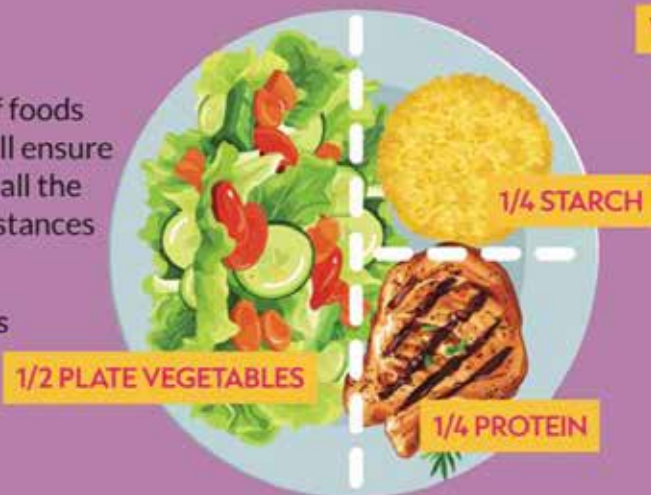


STOP SMOKING.
Drink less alcohol.

EAT HEALTHY

Eating different types of foods from the food groups will ensure that your body receives all the nutrients and other substances it needs to stay healthy.

1. Foods from animals
2. Vegetables
3. Staples
4. Fruits
5. Legumes
6. Fats & Oils



SAMPLE OF A HEALTHY PLATE

For more information about Non-Communicable Diseases, consult with your healthcare provider at the nearest health facility.



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Belize Hosts Financial Services Seminar in London

Highlighting Investment Opportunities

Strengthening Partnerships for Innovation

1 July 2026 - Finance Belize, in partnership with the Belize High Commission in London, convened the London Financial Services Seminar, bringing together representatives of the United Kingdom's financial services community, business networks, prospective investors, strategic partners and members of the Belizean diaspora. Key participating organizations include the London Financial Times, the London Business Network, the Caribbean Council, among others.

The Seminar formed part of Finance Belize's ongoing efforts to deepen international engagement, promote Belize's evolving financial services sector and create new avenues for investment, cross-border services trade and institutional collaboration between Belize and the United Kingdom.

Her Excellency Cherie Nisbet, Belize High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, delivered welcome remarks, reaffirming the importance of strengthening commercial and institutional links between both countries. Remarks were also delivered by Mr. Reynaldo Magaña, Chairman of Finance Belize, who highlighted the organization's role in positioning Belize as a modern, competitive and globally connected international financial services jurisdiction.

The programme featured an overview of Belize's financial services landscape and priority investment areas, including wealth management, securities and capital markets, company formation, international banking, maritime registry services, corporate financial services, insurance, fintech and digital assets.

The United Kingdom remains one of the world's leading international financial centers, making London an important platform for Belize to engage with investors, intermediaries, financial institutions and professional service providers with an interest in cross-border business, emerging markets and international financial services.

- The Financial Services Seminar aimed to:
- Strengthen bilateral and institutional relationships within the financial services sector;
 - Promote Belize's investment value proposition and range of financial products and services;
 - Facilitate dialogue on regulatory developments, market trends and emerging opportunities;
 - Encourage strategic partnerships and cross-border business linkages between Belize and the UK.

Finance Belize extends its appreciation to the Belize High Commission in London, participating stakeholders and all attendees for their contribution to the success of the Seminar. (release)



INVITATION TO BID

INSTITUTION: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Tender: Procurement of Solid Waste Transfer Stations and Regional Sanitary Landfill Services (LOT-Based)

The Government of Belize, acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified service providers for the provision of **Loading, Hauling, Transfer, Disposal and Associated Solid Waste Management Services (Transfer Stations), and the Spreading, Compacting, Covering, and Other Heavy Equipment Services (Regional Sanitary Landfill Facility)** under a LOT-based procurement arrangement.

Lot No.	Facility	Type	Contract Period
Lot 1	Belize City Solid Waste Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 months
Lot 2	Burrell Boom Solid Waste Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 months
Lot 3	Belmopan Solid Waste Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 months
Lot 4	San Ignacio / Santa Elena Solid Waste Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 months
Lot 5	Dangriga Solid Waste Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 months
Lot 6	Orange Walk Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 Months
Lot 7	Corozal Transfer Station	Transfer Station	36 Months
Lot 8	Regional Sanitary Landfill – Mile 24, George Price Highway	Landfill	36 Months

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Bidders may submit bids for one, several, or all lots.** Evaluation and award will be conducted **per lot**. Subject to demonstrated capacity to deliver, the Employer may award multiple Lots to a single Bidder.
- This invitation is open to all eligible and qualified Bidders.
- Qualification requirements are provided in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders' attention is drawn to the Instructions to Bidders in the Bidding Documents.
- The complete Bidding Document in English may be obtained by interested Bidders by way of email application to the email addresses below:
Procurement Unit – MSDCCSWM, procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz with CC to procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz
- The Bidding Documents will be emailed to the Bidder at the email address specified in the email application.
- A Site Presentation & Q&A will occur on the 8th of July 2026 at the Green Building Complex, 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City, at 10:00a.m.
- Bids must be delivered to the address indicated in the bidding document at or before **10:00 a.m. on July 17th, 2026**. Electronic bidding **shall not be permitted**. Late bids **will be rejected**.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration** as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Tourism Business Connect

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lize's tourism industry.

BELTRAIDE's Executive Director Ishmael Quiroz highlighted the significance of the event as one of the first regional initiatives hosted during Belize's tenure as Pro Tempore President of CENPROMYPE, underscoring the country's commitment to strengthening regional cooperation and creating tangible opportunities for entrepreneurs. "This event demonstrates Belize's leadership in advancing inclusive economic growth and building stronger regional partnerships," said Quiroz. "By connecting tourism businesses with local suppliers, we are strengthening value chains, enhancing the competitiveness of our MSMEs, and ensuring that more Belizean businesses benefit from the continued growth of our tourism sector."

The initiative forms part of a broader regional strategy to promote sustainable tourism, deepen trade integration, and foster economic resilience across Central America. (BTB and BELTRAIDE posts)

4th Blue Economy Climate Resilience Forum

"Strengthening Fisheries, Creating Opportunities, Building Resilience"



The Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation's 4th Blue Economy Climate Resilience Forum brought together government agencies, members from coastal communities, fishers, academia, civil society, development partners, and the private sector for a day of meaningful dialogue, collaboration, and action under the theme: "Strengthening Fisheries, Creating Opportunities, Building Resilience."

Throughout the Forum, participants shared valuable insights and reaffirmed a common vision: building a resilient Blue Economy requires strong partnerships, innovative solutions, and a collective commitment to protecting Belize's marine and coastal resources while creating sustainable opportunities for present and future generations.

Together, we are turning dialogue into action, strengthening partnerships, and charting a course toward a more resilient and prosperous Blue Economy for Belize.

GoB-CDB-BSIF

Stakeholder Engagement Session

Santa Cruz Rural Water System project



CDB & BSIF Participate in Stakeholder Engagement Session | Santa Cruz, Stann Creek

The stakeholder engagement mission by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) continued with a visit to the Santa Cruz Rural Water System project in Stann Creek District.

The delegation met with the Project Monitoring Committee and key stakeholders to discuss the progress, implementation, and impact of the project under the Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF) 10 Programme.

The engagement provided an opportunity for community representatives to share their experiences, highlight the importance of the project, and reaffirm the commitment to ensuring improved access to a safe, reliable, and sustainable water supply for residents of Santa Cruz Village.

Together, we continue investing in stronger communities, improved infrastructure, and a better quality of life for the people of Belize.



Resilient Bold Belize

GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project

Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: SAFEGUARDS AND GENDER OFFICER

Duty Station: Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of Safeguards and Gender Officer under the Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize’s marine and coastal ecosystems while promoting nature-based livelihoods and inclusive, people-centred conservation planning. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the GEF Project Manager, the Safeguards and Gender Officer will lead the implementation and monitoring of the project’s Gender Action Plan (GAP), Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP). The Officer will ensure that gender equality, social inclusion, and environmental and social safeguards are fully integrated across all project components and that community engagement is conducted in an inclusive, equitable, and culturally sensitive manner.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead implementation of the Gender Action Plan (GAP) and ensure gender mainstreaming across project activities
- Oversee compliance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)
- Coordinate inclusive stakeholder consultations, including engagement with Indigenous and local communities
- Establish and manage the project’s Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)
- Develop safeguard instruments (e.g., ESMPs, IPPs, LRPs) as required
- Support reporting, monitoring, and capacity building on safeguards and gender integration

Qualifications & Experience

- Bachelor’s degree in Gender Studies, Social Sciences, Sustainable Development, or related field (advanced degree desirable).
- Minimum 3 years’ experience in gender mainstreaming, social safeguards, and community engagement in Belize/Caribbean.
- Knowledge of safeguard frameworks, gender integration standards, and participatory planning.

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by e-mailing: rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz with the subject line “Safeguards and Gender TOR.” Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit’s Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, 17th July 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**

All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. The Committee will conduct due diligence to verify the information provided in the **detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)** and during the interview process.



Resilient Bold Belize

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: MONITORING AND EVALUATION OFFICER

Duty Station: Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of **Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Management (MEK) Officer** under the **Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project**, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize’s marine and coastal ecosystems and promotes nature-based livelihoods through a Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) initiative led by BBFP. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the Project Manager, the MEK Officer will lead the implementation of the project’s Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Management systems. The Officer will ensure effective tracking of results, compliance with Government of Belize and WWF-GEF reporting requirements, and evidence-based adaptive management. The role includes maintaining the project Results Framework, overseeing work plan tracking, supporting Project Progress Reports, and strengthening partner monitoring systems across all project components.

Key Responsibilities:

- Implement and oversee the project’s M&E Plan, Results Framework, and work plan tracking
- Monitor and analyse project performance data to support reporting and decision-making
- Support preparation of semi-annual and annual Project Progress Reports
- Conduct field verification visits and strengthen partner monitoring systems
- Design and manage a centralized M&E database
- Facilitate project learning, annual reviews, and knowledge products

Qualifications & Experience:

- Bachelor’s degree in environmental science, Natural Resource Management, Program Evaluation, Statistics, Economics, or related field (Master’s degree an asset).
- Minimum three (3) years’ experience in M&E for donor-funded projects (e.g., GEF, UN, IDB, WB, CDB).
- Proven experience designing and implementing Results-Based Management (RBM) systems, indicators, baselines, and targets.
- Proficiency in statistical/analytical software (e.g., R, SPSS, Stata) and database tools (e.g., Excel, Smartsheet).

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by e-mailing: rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz with the subject line “M&E Officer TOR.” Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit’s Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, 17th July 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**

All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. The Committee will conduct due diligence to verify the information provided in the **detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)** and during the interview process.

Belize represented by Hon. Rodwell Ferguson
Assumes Presidency
Central American Agricultural Council

July 1, 2026 - Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries, has assumed the pro tempore presidency of the Council of Ministers of the Central American Agricultural Council (CAC) for the second half of 2026. The Central American Agricultural Council is an organ of the Central American Integration System (SICA), of which Belize is a member.

Minister Ferguson participated in a virtual meeting this morning with officials of SECAC, the Executive Secretariat of the Central American Agricultural Council, where he assumed the pro tempore presidency. Minister Ferguson was accompanied by Hon. Luis Alex Balona, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture. The meeting addressed the priorities and agenda that the pro tempore presidency will drive forward. The ministers reaffirmed the commitment to strengthen regional coordination, policy dialogue, and cooperation among



member countries to advance an agricultural agenda that is resilient, sustainable, and focused on food security for Central America and the Dominican Republic.

CAC continues to strengthen regional integration to promote the sustainable development of the agricultural sector and the well-being of rural families, especially in the face of regional and global threats to agriculture such as Fusarium, African Swine Fever, and Avian Flu. (release)

Belize - SICOFAA
Regional Air Force
Cooperation
Conference of the Chiefs of the
American Air Forces



Lieutenant Colonel Kenroy Smith, representing Belize in his capacity as Air Chief, and Captain Andre Ayuso, Belize's official representative to the System of Cooperation Among the American Air Forces (SICOFAA), recently attended the annual Conference of the Chiefs of the American Air Forces (CONJEFAMER) held in the Dominican Republic.

SICOFAA is an international organization that brings together the air forces of the Americas to promote cooperation, interoperability, professional development, humanitarian assistance, disaster response, and search and rescue coordination among member nations. Through regular conferences, exercises, and established communication networks, the organization strengthens the ability of countries throughout the hemisphere to support one another during times of crisis.

The value of this cooperation was most recently demonstrated following Hurricane Melissa's impact on Jamaica in 2025, when SICOFAA member and partner nations rapidly mobilized assistance, providing fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft, including CH-47 Chi-

nook and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, engineering contingents, rescue teams, medical personnel, humanitarian aid, and logistics support to assist affected communities throughout the island.

For Belize, participation in SICOFAA represents far more than military cooperation; it is an investment in national resilience and disaster preparedness. As a country vulnerable to hurricanes, floods, and other natural disasters, Belize stands to benefit from access to regional expertise, emergency airlift, search and rescue capabilities, medical evacuation assets, engineering support, humanitarian assistance, and established coordination mechanisms that can be activated when needed. The relationships built through organizations such as SICOFAA ensure that, should Belize ever face a major national emergency, it would not stand alone but would be able to rely on the support and solidarity of partners throughout the Americas.

The Belize Defence Force remains committed to strengthening regional partnerships and enhancing cooperation to better serve and protect the people of Belize. (release)

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY
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Notice is hereby given that the following company has been struck off the Register of Companies and dissolved with effect from the date indicated:

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION
OF INTEREST
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING OFFICER -
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PETROLEUM AND
MINING

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project
Process ID: BZ-MFEDI - CEU-522977-CS-INDV
Duration: Twenty-Four (24) Months
Duty Station: Ministry of Natural Resources, Belmopan, Belize (In Office)
Deadline: **July 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the execution of the “Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project”, being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage the contractual services of a “**Community Development & Planning Officer under the Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining**”.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Application and Terms of Reference (TOR) at <https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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Ref: Individual Consultancy – “CDP Officer” – Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project



Belize Strengthens Child Protection

Technical Working Session

Formalizing National Steering Committee

Belize City, Belize. 24 June 2026

- The Government of Belize, in partnership with UNICEF and key national stakeholders, today convened child protection actors to prepare for the joining of the Child Protection and Child Justice Steering Committee (CPSC). This is a major step toward strengthening coordinated action to protect children from violence, abuse, and neglect.

This formation of the CPSC brings together government ministries, the National Commission for Families and Children, the Office of the Special Envoy for Families and Children, and development partners to ensure a more integrated and effective child protection and child justice system. A coordinated and responsive child protection system is essential to safeguarding the rights, well-being, and development of all children.

The establishment of the Committee responds to findings from a 2024 national assessment, which highlighted the need for stronger coordination, clearer accountability, and improved alignment across child protection and justice systems. By unifying existing mechanisms into a single national body, the CPSC will guide the implementation and monitoring of reforms, ensuring that the best interests of every child are at the center of all actions and decisions.

Today’s working session brings together key stakeholders to formally establish and operationalize the Child Protection and Child Justice Steering Committee (CPSC) including the Committee’s mandate, governance structure, and five-year action plan, while engaging partners and stakeholders in a shared vision for child protection.

“Today marks an important step in our collective work. The merging of the Child Protection Thematic Working Group and the Child Justice Steering Committee is not simply and administrative process, it is a recognition that the issues affecting children do not exist in isolation. A child who is abused, neglected, exploited, in conflict with the law, in contact with the justice system, or in need of care and protection requires a coordinated, timely and child-centered response.”- Shawn Vargas, Director of Department of Human Services.

UNICEF Representative for Belize, Sajid Ali, underscored the importance of this milestone. “The launch of the CPSC marks a significant step forward for Belize. Protecting children requires coordinated, cross- sectoral action. Collaboratively, we can strengthen systems that ensure every child is safe, supported, and able to reach their full potential,” said Representative Ali.

The Government of Belize and UNICEF reaffirm their commitment to strengthen systems that prevent and respond to violence against children. (release)

“Every child has the right to grow up in a safe, protective, and nurturing environment and achieving this requires the collective commitment of all sectors of society.”





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Public Asked to Report Unlicensed or Unregistered Financial Activity

Belize City, 24 June 2026: The Central Bank of Belize (Central Bank) reminds the public that, in accordance with the Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act, International Banking Act, Credit Unions Act, Moneylenders Act, and National Payment System Act, persons are prohibited from carrying out certain financial activities without the requisite license or registration.

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Any person who conducts any of the above-listed services without holding a valid license or registration from the Central Bank commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to penalties under the relevant law.

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or

The Belize Police Department - Major Crimes Unit
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Belize Enacts Climate Change & Carbon Market Initiatives Act, 2026

June 26, 2026 - The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management is pleased to announce the enactment of the Climate Change and Carbon Market Initiatives Act, 2026 (Act No. 13 of 2026), which establishes Belize's first comprehensive legal framework for climate change

governance and for regulated participation in carbon markets. The Act received assent from Governor-General H.E. Dame Froyla Tzalam on June 18, 2026, and was gazetted on June 20, 2026. Among its key provisions, the Act formalises the Climate Change Department, strengthens Belize's institution-

al capacity for coordinating climate action and national reporting, and establishes the legal basis for carbon reduction and removal projects, benefit-sharing, and registry functions, ensuring that any engagement in carbon markets is governed by national priorities and public interest. Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management, Hon. Orlando Habet, underscored the significance of the legislation: "This Act puts Belize in a stronger position to advance our climate agenda on our own terms. It gives us the institutional architecture and the

legal clarity to pursue low-emission development, and engage in carbon markets in a way that serves the Belizean people and reflects our national priorities." With the foundation now established, the next phase will focus on implementation, including supporting regulations, standards, procedures, and systems. The Ministry will continue working with national institutions, civil society, the private sector, communities, and technical partners to ensure implementation is transparent, practical, and nationally beneficial. (release)

BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: VEHICLES & PROPERTIES *Libertad, Chunox Village, Corozal; Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk Town, San Estevan, Orange Walk District; Hattieville, Belize District; Benque Veijo, Unitedville, San Ignacio South, San Ignacio, Cayo District; Independence Village, Stann Creek District.*

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties and vehicles. Sales currently running and will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties and vehicles are sold.

1. Parcel No. 666 Libertad Village, Corozal District:



Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Libertad Village	1	666
The Freehold property of Mr. Reginald Diego.		

2. Parcel No. 368 Warree Bight/Freshwater Creek, Chunox Village, Corozal District:



Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Warree Bight/Freshwater Creek	3	368
The Freehold property of Mr. Rene Tun.		

3. Parcel No. 673 Mahogany Street, Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District



Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Trial Farm	4	673
The Freehold property of Ms. Carmi Puck.		

4. Parcel No. 1344 San Francisco Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:



Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Orange Walk Town	4	1344
The freehold property of Ms. Ginnel Ozaeta.		

5. Parcel No. 523 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:



Registration Section	Block	Parcel
San Estevan	1	523
The Freehold property of Ms. Sue Ann Palomo.		

6. Lot No. 192 Near Mile 16.5 George Price Highway, Hattieville, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 192 comprising 833.33 square yards of land situate in "Belize/American Site area, Hattieville, Belize District. The leasehold property of Mr. Denvor Fairweather.		
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7. Parcel No. 1382 Benque Veijo Del Carmen, Cayo District:



Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Benque Veijo Del Carmen	23	1382
The Freehold property of Mr. Sammy Lobos.		

8. Parcel No. 4619 Society Hall, Unitedville Santa Elena, Cayo District:



Registration Section	Block	Parcel
United Village	24	4619
The Freehold property of Mr. Edwin Flowers.		

9. Lot No. 2282 Shawville, San Ignacio South, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Ignacio South	23	2282
The Freehold property of Mr. Estevan Millian Jr.		

10. Lot No. 48 Hercules Avenue, Independence Village, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 48 comprising 572.864 square meters of land situate in Independence Village, Stann Creek District. (The freehold property of Ms. Lourdes Rudon.)		
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